

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 09, 2025

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Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in Potsdam United Methodist Church

Large print bulletins and listening assistive devices are available, *Please stand, whether in body or in spirit.

At Potsdam UMC, all persons are welcome and celebrated regardless of gender, culture, nationality, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic circumstance, age, physical and mental ability, marital status or family structure.

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

Spinning Globe by Kenshi Yonezu

As you listen to the prelude, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer

INTROIT

I Sing Praises to Your Name [TFWS #2037]

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: There are times when our lives feel empty.

P: **We pose questions to the Lord, questions of frustration and hopelessness.**

L: Yet, God is patient and listens to our cries.

P: **God is faithful to us and will help us to overcome our fears.**

L: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on each one of us.

P: **Heal our spirits. Change our lives into joyful service to you.**

*HYMN

Oh Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

UMH #430

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

All: Holy God, we come before you with many issues on our hearts.

We get frustrated and angry at the way things are going in the world. We worry!

We want your immediate intervention; and when we don't see

things happening the way we think they should be;

we are quick to dismiss you and any thought of your presence.

Help us stop our selfishness and our quick anger.

Remind us that you will work with us and through us for peace and hope.

Release us from the traps of quick tests of your faithfulness and help us see

the "big picture" of your amazing love that spans all of time.

Forgive us for our pettiness and our stubbornness...

Help us shout your praises and live lives of joyful service...

Remind us to just speak life...

L: Even though we get frustrated and angry... or even worry;

God still loves us and seeks to heal us.

Open our hearts to receive God's blessings and to feel God's healing power in our lives,

so we may just...

All: ... **SPEAK LIFE! AMEN!**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ALL: Living God, help us to hear your holy Word with open hearts

so that we may truly understand; and, understanding, that we may believe;

and, believing, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,

seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. **AMEN**

THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG...
CHOIR ANTHEM *Let All Things Now Living; written by Katherine A. Davis*

... AND THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD!
GOD’S WORD - THE EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-1
GOD’S WORD – THE GOSPEL Luke 20:27-38

THE MESSAGE Just Speak Life! Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** *God is Here* **UMH #660**

THE PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (UMH #270)
Responding to God’s invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Thou Gracious God* English Folk Tune arr. By Dale McAllister

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH #94**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Faithful God, the One who stands with us in ruins and renewals alike,
may your compassionate care continue to rain down on us.
As we bring our offerings, we remember not only what was,
but we dare to believe in what will be.
You are our strength when we falter, our vision when the future feels uncertain.
Use these gifts to rebuild your beloved community —
not only in stone and structure, but in lives made whole,
relationships restored, and justice pursued.
May your peace dwell richly in what we offer and how we live,
that the glory of this house—the people called by your name —
might truly shine. In Christ’s name we pray. **AMEN** (Haggai 2:1-9)

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN** *Great is the Lord* **TFWS #2022**

***BENEDICTION**

L: Hear again the promise God made to his people long ago:
Do not be discouraged!
Be strong and courageous.
Keep working, for I am with you.
My Spirit remains with you and is living among you.
So do not be afraid!

P: AMEN! (Haggai 2: 4-5)
“Benediction,” <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/10/benediction-haggai-1-4-5.html>.

POSTLUDE *Ueo Muite Arukou* by Kyui Sakamoto

Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Death and life
are in the power
of the tongue...

Proverbs 18:21

Speak Life!



Worship & Prayer resources for this week: Used by permission – excerpted from *MinistryMatters.com* ©2019

MEETINGS, EVENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

- **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, **Wednesdays at noon** at Jernabi Coffee House.
- **A Journey Through Grief:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 4-6pm, Fellowship Hall. Next meeting **November 13th**.
- **Anthony Steen Senior Recital:** November 15th at 12pm, Wakefield Hall, Crane School of Music.
- **Super Church - Sunday School:** Will be held every other Sunday. November 16th, December 7th & 21st.
- **Greening of the Church:** Sunday, November 23rd, immediately following Worship. Stay to help us decorate our church and enjoy a pizza party.
- **Hearts and Hands on a Mission Craft Group:** meets at the Parsonage the first Thursday of each month, 2-4pm. The next meeting is **December 4th**.
- **Elf and Cookies:** December 6th, from 1:00-3:00pm. Public event for children and their grown-ups. There is a signup sheet on the piano if you would like to help by baking cookies or providing other supplies. Contact Kathy Demo (315-212-9283) if you would like to volunteer at this event.
- **Potsdam Holiday Fund Set-up:** Sunday, December 7th 2:00pm, entire basement.
- **Potsdam Holiday Fund Santa’s Workshop:** December 8th-20th all day everyday, entire Basement.
- **Cherry’Os:** will meet Tuesday, **December 9th**. We will meet at church at 11:30. Cookies and beverages will be provided. Please bring your lunch if you would like.

Worship Participants

Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
Nov. 2:	Tom Ortmeyer, Christa Carroll	Nov. 2:	Sharon Hutchinson
Nov. 9:	Debby Nikkari, Tom Ortmeyer	Nov. 9:	Collen Gondo
Nov. 16:	Robin Howard, Carrie L.	Nov. 16:	Tom Ortmeyer
Nov. 23:	Debby N., Carrie Livernois	Nov. 23:	Christa Carroll
Nov. 30:	Christa Carroll, Robin Howard	Nov. 30:	Kathy Demo
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
Nov. 2:	Nancy Matthews	Nov. 2:	Carol Willmert
Nov. 9:	Kathy Demo	Nov 23:	Pizza Party (Greening the Church)
Nov. 16:	Carrie Livernois	Dec. 7:	Ashley Fish and Family
Nov. 23:	Norm Gardner	Jan. 4:	Robin Howard & Judy Haer
Nov. 30:	Robin Howard, Judy Haer	Jan. 11:	Pizza Party (Un-Greening the Church)

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

Musician: Dr. Risa Okina ♦ Choir Director: Anthony Steen

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Pastor’s Office Hours as scheduled with Pastor Heidi Chamberlain

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